"The Leashed Guns of Circle L"

by Perry Westbrook

Synopsis:

Slim Loyale is paroled from prison after serving 18 months for a crime he did not commit. He returns to his Circle L ranch to find his father dead and sinister forces at work, trying to make him violate his parole so that he can again be railroaded to prison.

The Brockwells and their gang are plotting to gain possession of Circle L ranch and the property of Mona Hall, a neighbor and life-long friend of Slim Loyale.

Slim discovers that Sheriff Starbuck has joined the plot against him. With the help of Dakota Blue and his cowboys, Slim Loyale defies the land-grabbers to do their worst.

CHAPTER XVIII

Dakota Blue's brow was furrowed with thought as he watched the two punchers jog away. "That's one angle that I don't quite get," he drawled. "What's the hunch, Slim?"

"My money is in the Standard Bank, ain't it?" explained Slim. "Well, Arthur knows it an' so does the rest of that crowd. The surest way to keep me from usin' that money to loan out on mortgages, like the Dot H Dot's, is to grab the money off.

"Don't yuh see that Brockwell an' Arthur have gone too far by this time to back down? They either stand to win big or lose everything. I'll bet yuh anythin' yuh want, Roy an' Stoney will have work to do."

When Steve Owens and Charley Quinn came jogging in from their work that evening, Slim met them at the corrals. "For the next few days I got a nice easy job lined up for the pair of yuh," he told them. "Yo're gonna have to do a lot of loafin' around. I want one of yuh to be on guard about the ranch here all the time, day an' night. Yuh can take turns, but I want the man on watch to have a Winchester over his arm and be plumb wide awake."

"What's in the air, Slim?" yelped Steve Owens excitedly. "A scrap?"

"Likely to be," was the answer. "If it comes, it'll be a hummer. So watch things close."

"An' how!" chortled the irrepressible Steve. "We will, yuh know."

Just at sunset Tisdal came riding up. His eyes were bleak and his lips were stern. Slim and Dakota met him as he dismounted. At the look on Tisdale's face, Slim jabbed an elbow into Dakota's ribs. "I knew he'd be foamin'," he murmured.

He Lied

Tisdale wasted no time in expressing himself. As he swung to the ground he faced Slim and Dakota truculently. "Listen," he demanded harshly, "how much range does that damn law shark own around here, anyhow?"

Slim shrugged. "Not a yard of it that I know of."

"What? Don't he own any a-tall?"

"Not a bit."

Tisdale looked plainly astounded. "That hombre must be plumb loco," he declared. "He gave me to understand that he controlled all this range for at least five miles, both ways from the mouth of Jericho Valley."

"Then he lied, Tisdale. What he meant to say was that he hoped to control it by the time yore herds start across it. Ah, how much per haid was he gonna charge yuh in range toll for yore herds?"

"One round simoleon," exploded Tisdale. "Yes, sir, one whole domn dollar per haid, yearlin's included."

"What did yuh tell him?"

"I told him that he was a cross between a polecat an a buzzard an' that he could go to blazes. I told him that we fellers comin' north to the Kicapoo range would pay a reasonable range toll, but nothin' like a dollar.

"I told him we'd fight our way through before we'd be robbed by anybody. Why, there's nigh onto thirty thousand haid of cattle movin' up Jericho Valley right now—the combined herds of ten of us Big Bend ranchers. There'll be at least half that many more followin' us that I know of.

Calculations Upset

"That jasper musta figgered he was gonna clean up a fortune off us. He knows we cain't afford to turn back by now. If we did, we'd never be able to drive another route in time to get to the Kicapoo country when it's opened.

"An' that range up there ain't gonna last any too long. It's a plain case of gettin' there right away, or not at all. But me, I cain't understand him makin' such demands when he don't own none of this range."

"Suppose we go an' have supper," suggested Slim. "I'll tell yuh the whole set-up while we eat."

Over the meal, Slim gave the Big Bend man the entire story. "Yuh see," he ended, "Arthur an' the rest of the polecats in with him were schemin' quite a long way ahaid. They shore hoped to be in control of this range. Several things kinda upset their calculations. One of them was havin' yore herds arrive so early. Another was my gettin' outa jail on a parole.

"With a little more luck they'd have won out, an' had yuh in a corner. Right now yo're sore, Tisdale, over Arthur's demands. But yuh know as well as I do, that in the end yuh'd 'a' paid that dollar-a-haid range toll. Am I right?"

Tisdale nodded ruefully. "Yeah yo're right, Loyale. We'd just plain have to, or lose everythin'. But evidently, from the way he talks, that Arthur ain't givin' up hope yet of gettin' control of this range."

"He hasn't," agreed Slim. "The next forty-eight hours are gonna see hell a-poppin', or I don't know my way about. I'm tryin' right now to spread my cyards to spoil his plans. Now then, just how much toll did yuh fellers figure yuh'd be willin' to pay an' call it a fair deal all around?"

Toll Money

"Two bits a haid," stated Tisdale. "An' we'll guarantee to keep the herd well bunched an' drive fast. We won't let 'em spread a bit. I think that's a fair offer."

"Darned fair," agreed Slim. "Now here's my proposition. Most of that crossin' will be over Dot H Dot range. Miss Hall, who owns the Dot H Dot, has got to have money to squelch Arthur an' his foreclosure move. Me, I don't want a cent of money from yuh fellers. But if yuh'd ride over to the Dot H Dot with me an' make a deal with Miss Hall, puttin' up the toll money in advance, yuh'll get the crossin' for yore own price an she'll have enough to pay Arthur.

"I've tried to get her to accept a loan from me, but for some darned reason I cain't figger out, she won't take it. But a deal like I say with yuh, she'll grab in a hurry. An' it'll be to everybody's benefit except Arthur's. What d'yuh say?"

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A Jumper Style All Will Like

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By ANNE ADAMS

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Learning Type Most Important

Every Woman Who Wants to Be Attractive Should Buy Only the Clothes That Are Flattering

The woman who is determined that she will be more attractive at the end of 1939 than she is right now when the New Year is so very new ought to resolve to study her type more carefully and learn exactly how to buy clothes which are truly flattering.

If, somehow or other, your wardrobe always seems faintly disjointed and you constantly are tired of about half the items in it, perhaps you ought to make a shopping list every four months, actually buying clothes only four times a year, instead of whenever you happen to see something you think you like pretty well.

This way, you won't have a red hat with which not a single dress you own can be worn. Or navy shoes when all of your frocks are black.

Be Crazy About Your Dresses

Seldom is it advisable to buy anything hurriedly. And remember the dress, which you don't like or are indifferent about until a saleswoman tells you how flattering it is and that you certainly should buy it, usually is a dress that you won't like and wear for years.

Make it a rule not to take any costume that you aren't simply crazy about. Being a polite, considerate customer, doesn't necessarily mean a wishy-washy, easily convinced one.

Of Interest to Women Readers

SALMON PILAFF

AN EXOTIC TOUCH TO EVERYDAY MEALS

Sometimes even an interesting name for a recipe adds a touch of the unusual, but when you have an interesting name, plus an unusual but delicious recipe, you have something that makes your family come back for a second helping and ask for repeats.

Pilaffs are Turkish in origin. They might be compared to our Canadian fish cakes or hamburgers in popularity. Originally they were very highly seasoned, but you can suit yourself and the tastes of your family on this. As we have given the recipe it is planned for the whole family, which means the seasonings are simple, so children and elderly people may partake of it. Add a bay leaf to the tomatoes, or a teaspoon of curry powder, if you want to make it more exotic.

Salmon Pilaff With Rice

2/3 cup rice
1 tablespoon butter
¼ cup grated cheese
3 tablespoons chopped onion
2½ cups canned tomatoes
1 cup Canadian salmon

Boil the rice until tender, and drain. Rinse if desired. Brown the onion in butter and add to the rice. Heat the tomatoes, sweeten with ½ teaspoon brown sugar if desired, and add any seasonings you prefer. Stir in the grated cheese. Saute the salmon in butter, removing the skin, but keeping it in as large pieces as possible. (This is best done if it has been previously chilled). Combine the rice, tomatoes, salmon and salmon oil, and season if necessary. Serve at once.

Follow with a salad of shredded cabbage, or serve with chopped spinach. Then with a fruit dessert and a beverage, you're all set.

IF YOU FEEL SUNK

Read this and cheer up

Are you so blue that life is no longer worth living? Do you cry easily? Do you feel low, mean, depressed—just absolutely SUNK?

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Beauty for YOU

The Secrets of Good Looks

by Barbara Lynn.

GIVE YOURSELF A BEAUTY STOCKTAKING!

The New Year is a good time to undergo a Beauty Stocktaking. Consider yourself from head to toe; weigh up your good points and those that are not so good. Resolve to make the most of your appearance during the coming months. And break all your other New Year resolutions, if you must, but persevere with this one!

Is your skin clear and smooth? I am a firm believer in the habit of taking a dash of fruit salt in a glass of water every morning on arising. It helps internal cleanliness and keeps spots and pimples away from the skin.

Have you any "aging" lines or wrinkles? Look especially around the eyes, mouth, chin and forehead. If the signs are only faint, get to work on them. It will save lots of trouble later on. Deep furrows require constant and patient care to eradicate. Use cleansing cream during the day and, at night, massage with a rich tissue cream. Leave this cream on overnight unless you have an oily skin.

What kind of face powder do you use? Are you using a coarse powder that tarnishes the skin, or do you wisely use the delightfully smooth airspun powder that warms the skin and gives it a youthful appearance?

Do you bite your lips, or do they chap easily? The biting cold of our winters plays havoc with our lips, but a lypsyl salve will smooth them and keep them lovely.

Next week's article will continue this Beauty Stocktaking. In the meantime, write me about your personal beauty problems. You can obtain any of the following interesting leaflets by sending 3c stamp for each one: Facial Care, Bust Development, Underweight, Superfluous Hair, Hand Beauty, Glamorous Hair, Slimming, Feet Care, Fascinating Eyes and Reducing in Spots.

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Pratical Ski-ing Costume Favored

The Well-Dressed Skier Wears An Outfit Good For General Winter Sports Wear.

Ski-ing is no longer a simple sport where you put on what-have-you to go sliding downhill on a pair of elongated barrel-slats. Oh, no! Nowadays, it's a great big set of social customs surrounded by a bunch of snow.

And unless a fella wants the indoor sports at the ski lodge to hand him the bird behind his back, he dresses in up-to-the-minute ski wear and in the manner laughingly known as "correct".

Ski-ing smarties this year are buying streamlined gabardine pants which fit right into the boot-tops without blousing at the ankles. It seems the blouse-effect ski-trouser passed away with last winter's snow. The new pants, with lots of room at the rear, usually contain an abdominal band for support and neatness.

Popular colors are slate blue, navy, dark green and fawn.

A good ski outfit will do you for tobogganing, skating, and general whoop-te-do in snow. There are some beautifully new wool, suede and leather jackets on display, as well as mackinaws. The reversible trend which hit topcoats has invaded the jacket field and you can now get 'em with wool or gabardine insides and leather or suede outsides.

FIGHT COLDS AT THEIR SOURCE

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Green Tea At Its Best

"SALADA" GREEN TEA 32

Baking Hints

Angel Food Cake — In cutting, use a silk thread instead of a knife to prevent settling and crushing.

Bread or Cake—Should be cut with a knife that has been first put into hot water or held over a flame. This makes a clean cut.

Bread Dough—Put a 25-watt light on an extension cord, in a gallon crock, and place bread dough over it. This will keep the dough at an even temperature —winter or summer.

Cake and Cookies—Keep fresh longer if a peeled apple or a piece of fresh bread is placed in the cake box for additional moisture.

Cake Icing—That is delicious can be made by melting a plain chocolate candy bar on cake while it is still a little warm.

Doughnuts—Will not absorb much grease if a teaspoonful of vinegar is added to cold fat.

Fruit Cake—When baking, place a cup of water in the oven to keep enough moisture in air and prevent cake from drying out while baking.

Meringue—Will stand up high and perfect if a generous pinch of baking soda is added to beaten egg whites.

Pies of One Crust—Brown the meringue by holding an electric hot plate over them as this saves heating the oven and browns the meringue quickly. (Mrs.) I. M. B., in Christian Science Monitor.

The Right Hat For Your Type

Long Face, Round Face. Beware of Choosing the Wrong Headgear

If you wear glasses, beware of elaborately veiled or lavishly trimmed hats. Too much trimming plus your spectacles is likely to give your face and head a cluttered look. Narrow brims which do not cast a shadow across the glasses, plain turbans of stunning fabrics, neat but not severe tircornes and pill-boxes are your best bet.

If your face is quite long, look for brims, particularly those which sweep downward slightly on one side and up on the other, thereby making the face seem a bit wider. If your face is round and full, look for high, peaked crowns and other effects which add length. Small faces become lost under tremendous brims. And very large, tall, and broad-shouldered figures look pretty silly with doll hats on their little heads.

After Motherhood

IF you are weak, nervous, or have backache, sideache or headaches due to organic disturbances, you will find Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription beneficial. It tones the female organs, calms the nerves, improves nutrition. Mrs. Maurice Tobin, 41 Frank St., Peterboro, Ont., says: "Following motherhood I developed inward weakness that pulled me completely down in health. I was weak, had pains in my sides, my back ached and I was very nervous. After taking five bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription my nerves were in good condition and I had fully regained my health and strength." Ask your druggist today for it in liquid or tablets.

Longest Name

The longest name of any organization in the world is that of the Ceylon body, the Sri Gnanawimalagunanusmarana Samitiyia.

Widow Gets Millions

Mrs. Daniel Dodge, former telephone operator of Gore Bay, Ont., and widow of the youthful motor heir who lost his life in an accident last summer, will receive an amount reported from $2,000,000 to $8,000,000 from his estate, according to the terms of a settlement announced at Pontiac, Mich.

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